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CLASSIFICATION OF STATES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has classified the States in developed, under-developed and backward category;

(b) if so, the names of States after such identification, category-wise;

(c) the details of the action plan of the Government for development of States in backward category;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide special development package for backward/under developed States; and

(e) if so, the details of the package?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (e): No, Sir. However Special Category Status is given to those States which are predominantly of hilly terrain with large tribal population, located on sensitive international border areas, with underdeveloped socio-economic infrastructure, low revenue base & non- viable nature of State`s finances and overall economic backwardness. These Special Category States are Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttaranchal. Central Assistance is given to these States in the grant-loan ratio of 90:10 as against 30:70 for non-special category States.